

Appl. No. 10/531,101; Docket No. NL 031068 US
Amdt. dated July 26, 2006
Response to Office Action dated May 11, 2006

REMARKS ARGUMENTS

The Specification was amended to address Examiner's observations. With respect to the Drawings, reference character "125" has been edited out of the Specification. Reference character "122" referring to a tungsten plug, in Figures 2 and 4 has been modified (in Spec and Drawing Sheet) so that for the gate it is "122a" and for the drain region it is "122b."

Claims 1-12 are pending in the application. Applicants appreciate Examiner's acknowledgment of allowable subject matter in claims 5, 7, and 12.

Claims 1, 3, 4, and 10 have been cancelled.

Per Examiner's suggestions, claims 5, 7, and 12 have been rewritten. Dependent claims have been edited to depend upon now allowable independent claims. Applicants believe that objections under §112 have been overcome. Furthermore, Applicants believe that the rejections under §102 have been addressed by these amendments.

Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby requested and authorized pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a)(3) to treat any concurrent or future reply in this application requiring a petition for extension of time for its timely submission, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time. Please charge any additional fees which may now or in the future be required in this application, including extension of time fees, but excluding the issue fee unless explicitly requested to do so, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

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